

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ for holding a flexible hose, ~~having the device~~ comprising: at least one holding area for the ~~an~~ at least axial holding of the flexible hose; and with at least one one-sided support area surrounding the flexible hose and extending towards the a free end of the flexible hose, wherein the support area has a trumpet-shaped extension extending continuously and uniformly towards the free end.
2. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 1, wherein the holding area has inwardly directed annular ribs.
3. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 1, further comprising an application area for applying the device to a holding part.
4. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 3, wherein the holding part is constructed as a fixing clamp or clip .
5. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 3, wherein the application section has an outer annular groove.
6. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 5, wherein an inwardly directed lug of the holding part engages in the annular groove.

7. (Currently Amended) Device according to claim 1, further comprising ~~[[an]]~~ a construction with at least two partial shells (halfshells).

8. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 7, wherein the partial shells are screwed together.

9. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 7, wherein the partial shells 35 are interconnected by snap action devices.

10. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 7, wherein the partial shells are held together by a closing ring.

11. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 10, wherein the closing ring is constructed in one piece.

12. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 10, wherein the closing ring is formed by several partial rings.

13. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 12, wherein the partial rings of the closing ring are connectable by snap constructions by snapping in perpendicular to the axis of symmetry.

14. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 12, further comprising rigid, complimentary shapes, engaging behind in the closed position and located on end faces of the partial rings of the closing ring and axial connectability of the shapes and therefore the partial rings.

15. (Currently Amended) A device ~~Device~~ according to claim 10, further comprising a cylindrical shoulder for the non-positive reception of the closing ring in a radial and circumferential direction.

16. (Canceled).

17. (New) A flexible hose holding arrangement, comprising:

a flexible hose with a holdable outer surface;

a holding portion with a holding area for an axial holding of said holdable outer surface of said flexible hose to maintain the axial position of a free end of said flexible hose; and

a support portion with an inner side support area surrounding the flexible hose and extending towards the free end of the flexible hose, wherein the support area has an accurate trumpet-shaped extension having a radially widened outer end and radially narrowing as it extends continuously and uniformly towards said flexible hose and toward said holdingportion.

18. (New) An arrangement according to claim 17, wherein the holding area has

inwardly directed annular ribs and said holdable outer surface is a ribbed hose surface cooperating with said annular ribs to axially hold said free end at said holding area.

19. (New) An arrangement according to claim 17, wherein said holding portion and said support portion are provided as a single element with an application area for applying the single element to a holding part.

20. (New) An arrangement according to claim 19, wherein the holding part is a fixing clamp or clip.

21. (New) An arrangement according to claim 19, wherein the application section has an outer annular groove, wherein an inwardly directed lug of the holding part engages in the annular groove.